STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Application Regarding the Acquisition of Progress Energy, Incorporated by Duke Energy Corporation and Merger of Progress Energy Carolinas, Incorporated and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Docket No. 2011-158-E

MOTION TO WITHDRAW FROM REPRESENTATION

Pursuant to South Carolina Public Service Commission Rule 103-805.F, and South Carolina's Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16, the undersigned, Pablo Nüesch, hereby moves to request permission to withdraw from representation of the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina ("Orangeburg") in the above-caption docket. In support of this Motion, Pablo Nüesch states as follows:

- 1. Orangeburg has been represented in this proceeding by Pablo Nüesch, James Horwood, and Peter Hopkins of the firm Spiegel & McDiarmid LLP in Washington, D.C. Mr. Nüesch is a member of the South Carolina Bar and has served as Orangeburg's local counsel of record in this proceeding pursuant to Commission Rule 103-804(T)(1)(B) and Court of Appeals Rule 404. Mr. Horwood and Mr. Hopkins were admitted to appear before this Commission *pro hac vice*. Order No. 2011-398 (May 25, 2011).
- 2. Most recently, on January 23, 2020, James Walsh, an attorney for Orangeburg's Department of Public Utilities, filed a Notice of Appearance for

Orangeburg in this proceeding. Mr. Walsh is a member of the South Carolina Bar in good standing.

- 3. Mr. Nüesch seeks permission to withdraw as counsel due to an upcoming change in employment. Before filing this motion, Mr. Nüesch's gave notice to Orangeburg about his need to withdraw from representation, South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct 1.16(d), Orangeburg consented, and the withdraw "can be accomplished without material adverse effect on the interests of" Orangeburg. *Id.* 1.16(b)(1).
- 4. Orangeburg remains represented in this proceeding by Messrs. Walsh, Horwood, and Hopkins. Mr. Walsh has agreed to serve as local counsel of record associated with Messrs. Horwood and Hopkins pursuant to Commission Rule 103-804(T)(1)(B) and Court of Appeals Rule 404.
- 5. Orangeburg informally polled via e-mail the other attorneys of record in this proceeding about Mr. Nüesch's need to withdraw as counsel to Orangeburg, and no party has expressed objection to the request as of this filing.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Nüesch respectfully request that the Commission enter an Order allowing his withdraw as counsel on behalf of Orangeburg in the above-captioned docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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